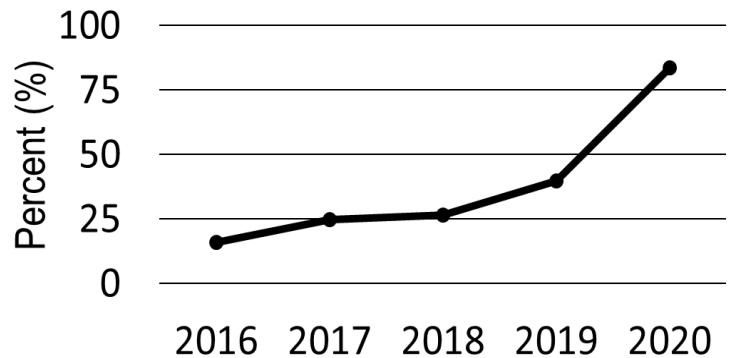


Annual Tournament Director Report: 2020



More reduced-creel tournaments in 2020

Heaviest Tournament Lunkers

1. 9.71 lbs	Upper Chesapeake	Nov 7
2. 7.96 lbs	Upper Chesapeake	May 30
3. 7.67 lbs	Upper Chesapeake	Jul 18

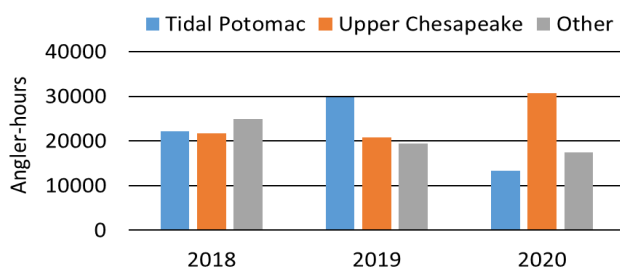
As in years past, the biggest tournament lunkers came from the Upper Chesapeake Bay in 2020.

Average Tournament Lunker Weights

1. 5.97 lbs	Sassafras River
2. 5.20 lbs	Upper Chesapeake
3. 5.12 lbs	Deep Creek Lake

Only three fisheries averaged tournament lunkers heavier than five pounds (minimum of five events).

Upper Chesapeake Hosts More Anglers in 2020



Best Club Catch Rates (average)

1. Tidal Patterns Bass Club	3.3 fish/angler
2. Rocky Gap	3.2 fish/angler
3. Delaware Bass Nation	3.0 fish/angler

Only three clubs averaged three or more fish per angler in 2020, over at least three tournaments. Clubs weighed 2.05 fish, on average, per angler in 2020.

Highlights of 2020

- The 219 reported tournaments in 2020 was the fewest in recent years and a 30% decrease from a 2019 high.
- During the 12-inch season, the tidal Potomac River had catch rates similar to past years (2.5 fish per day) but the Upper Chesapeake Bay (2.0 fish per day) was lower than recent years.
- A record high 84% of tournaments used a reduced-creel to limit mortality. There was a record number of catch-photograph-release (CPR) tournaments, too.

Stay Informed

- Check the [MD DNR Black Bass website](#) for fish conservation videos, tournament schedules, and more!
- [Register](#) your 2021 tournaments and [report](#) your results online.

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